



Today:

Partly Cloudy
37/28



LaPalaza

page 4



Intramural
bowling

page 8

Student
continues
education while
serving in Iraq
page 6

Monday, March 20, 2006

<http://chronicle.calumet.purdue.edu>

The Chronicle

25 years in publication

Legends
\$1,000
Scholarship
available
to students

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

The Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts is offering a new option for students who are interested in scholarships.

The Legends \$1,000 Scholarship, sponsored by Bank Calumet, is a new scholarship which, according to Carol Zencka, is to encourage the pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree from one of the six colleges and universities of Northwest Indiana.

Among these six colleges and universities are Calumet College of St. Joseph, Indiana University Northwest, Ivy Tech Community College, Purdue North Central, Valparaiso University and PUC.

One recipient is selected from each of the six educational institutions. A representative from each institution will then form a committee and select the final recipient.

Qualifications of the scholarship include being a resident of Lake, Porter or LaPorte County, an undergraduate or graduate student full-time student, good academic standing and have completed about 24 credit hours.

Applicants must also submit with their applications a 300 to 350 word essay including how these values- exploration and courage, creativity and innovation- influenced one's life and how one will use these values to improve the quality of life in Northwest Indiana.

Each applicant needs to provide two letters of recommendation from employers, teachers or volunteer leaders describing why the applicant is a good representative of these values

Zencka, acting director of the office of financial aid and student accounts, stated the purpose of this scholarship is to further the enduring and timeless values that have inspired ordinary people to do extraordinary acts or deeds that

See Scholarship page 6

7,000 protest war on Michigan Avenue



Chronicle photo by Brandon Thomas

Thousands took to the magnificent mile in Chicago Saturday afternoon in protest of George W. Bush and the war in Iraq.

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

The streets were cold the afternoon of March 18, but the sun brought forth a palpable hue of eloquence from within the hearts of the Union Park Anti-war rally participants. Activists all over the country had been holding rallies for this year's war anniversary. But, Chicago was the spot where students from PUC and other local communities came to express their opinions and beliefs about the war.

"The reasons that we are in Iraq are wrong."

Larry Swentzel, senior, education

There were signs held with tightened grips above the sea of protesters while an unyielding fence of police officers enclosed the square. The signs were dawned with satanic caricatures of President George W. Bush, and many sported phrases such as "bring our troops home," "the war isn't working" and "impeach Bush."

It wasn't only national born citizens that stepped above the audience to speak out about the war in

Iraq. There were speakers of different nationalities taking a stand among the citizens Saturday afternoon. While people of different races spoke with different tongues, they each spoke the same message.

The diversity of the event was not limited to the speakers. The audience represented a vast amount of culture. Native Americans with drums danced in the park while other groups of protesters choreographed a dance that displayed their indignation represented in the war in Iraq.

The consensus was that the war in Iraq has gone too far and we need to bring our troops back home.

March 18 marked the anniversary for the start of the war. But, aside from this, why did the rally take place? Among the protesters were Purdue's own social justice club, and along with other PUC activists. Larry Swentzel, a PUC senior and social studies education major, spoke out about the war.

"I think that we have realized what needs to be changed," said Swentzel. "And the reasons that we are in Iraq are wrong."

With memories of the hundreds of arrests that took place during last year's protest, the Chicago Police Department did not give this year's protesters the benefit of the doubt. But, the event was peaceful and there wasn't a single person arrested.

While thousands turned out to express their views, some were still not satisfied.

"There are too many Americans that walk around with their eyes wide shut," said PUC sociology Professor Alan Spector.

iPods
available free
online with
Gratis
Internet

MIKE AYALA
Cub Reporter

Many may notice the impossibility of browsing the internet without seeing ads promising free gifts. Oftentimes these ads require people to complete a survey, sign up for a "free" trial of a product some never heard of, and then become subject to a large amount of junk mail.

This is all for a chance to be entered into a contest to win a free gift.

But what if one of those sites was legitimate and offered a free iPod?

Gratis Internet, also known as Free Pay, has set up one of those sites. The website www.freeipods.com does offer customers a free iPod, but there is a bit of work involved.

Customers must first register their e-mail with the site and sign up for a trial of a particular service. Services range from a 30 day trial of www.stamps.com to a membership for Blockbuster Online. A credit card is also necessary to verify if the customer is 18 years or older.

Afterwards, customers must persuade five other people to register and also sign up for a service trial. After www.freeipods.com verifies that the trials have been accepted, the iPod is sent.

The time it takes to receive the iPod depends on how long it takes the customer to sign up for the offer, as well as getting other people to register. The time length of the verification process varies also.

David Stites, a student at Purdue West Lafayette, said he received his free iPod within a few weeks of registering. He also received a free iPod Nano, iPod Shuffle and a digital camera from other Gratis Internet sites. However it took about two months to receive the digital camera.

Dave Lo, also a student at West Lafayette, went through the process and received a free iPod as well. Lo received a large amount of spam from the affiliates and suggest others make a separate e-mail account specifically for the site.

See Free page 6

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

WEB-BASED PROGRAM
HELPS DETER
PLAGIARISM

During the recent pilot introduction of the Web-based, search technology, *turnitin.com*, (pronounced turn-it-in dot com) "plagiarism has come down to almost zero in some classes," says Roy Evans, chair of the Academic Integrity Committee and head of the Department of Construction Management and Engineering Technologies.

But Prof. Evans also is quick to point out that implementing *turnitin.com* as a plagiarism prevention tool should not be interpreted as an indictment on academic integrity at Purdue Calumet. On the contrary, Evans says, "It's to assure good, honorable students that original work will be rewarded."

Turnitin.com enables faculty members to verify quickly the authenticity of your written assignments from a database of billions of published pages of internet work, student papers, and journal articles and periodicals.

"While the use of this technology has its place," Evans said, "faculty members also have a responsibility to teach students how to properly cite research information and references." Under the direction of Evans and his committee, we have adopted an Honor Code in which students pledge to "not engage in dishonesty" in their academic activities and to "not tolerate such dishonesty by other students."

The Honor Code is displayed in almost every classroom. It reads:

HONOR CODE

I understand that academic dishonesty will not be tolerated at Purdue University Calumet. I am here to learn. Through learning, I will strive to become a better person and a more valuable contributor to society. I understand that dishonesty in the classroom, through cheating, plagiarism or other dishonest acts, defeats this purpose and disgraces the mission and quality of a Purdue University Calumet education. **Therefore, I make the following pledge:** *In accordance with the Honor Code, I will not engage in dishonesty in my academic activities, and I will not tolerate such dishonesty by other students.*

Students applying for admission must check off on their admission application that they make the aforementioned "pledge" to adhere to the Honor Code.

"Academic integrity is so integral to getting an education," Sarah Howard, assistant dean of students, said. "By addressing academic integrity as a value to uphold at Purdue University Calumet, we model what's important for our students."

"Upon graduation and entrance into their chosen field of endeavor, hopefully, they will have learned, not only the coursework and experiential component, if applicable, of that career, but also how to positively contribute to society."

See next week's Administrative Update for a detailed explanation of the Honor Code.

What's Goin' On?

A look around

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Are you interested in good books, great people, and stimulating discussion? Then join the Chancellor's Reading Circle on March 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Kuiper House, the Chancellor's residence, located 1 block from campus. Faculty member Saul Lerner will facilitate a discussion of the book "The Cheating Culture" by David Callahan.

Interested? Students may contact Student Life & Activities at 989-2369 or SUL-324E to register. Books are free and refreshments are provided.

Collegiate Job Fair

In search for a job? Come to the 16th Annual Indiana Collegiate Job Fair Friday, at the Indiana Convention Center in Downtown Indianapolis.

Job Fair is April 7, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register at the door for \$10. Dress for success and be enthusiastic and bring plenty of resumes.

For more information or to visit participating employers by visiting the job fair at www.jobfairs.iupi.edu or call (317)274-3215.

Charity Drive

The Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee is currently sponsoring a charity drive for victims of domestic abuse.

Some items that can be donated are household products such as laundry detergent, paper towels, cleaning products and toilet paper. Other miscellaneous items needed are canned food, baking supplies, healthy snacks, bedding, tissue paper and clothing.

Drop off boxes are located all over campus. Charity Drive ends March 31.

Want to make a difference on campus?

Student Life and Activities and SGA are currently looking for students interested in the upcoming SGA elections. Please stop by Student Life and Activities at SUL 324E or contact studentlife@calumet.purdue.edu for more information.

UPS Music Lunch Series

UPS and Student Life and Activities presents PUC student Alex Robertson Tuesday March 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Library Calumet Falls Lounge.

Student Organization Board meeting

The Student Organization Executive Board will meet on Friday March 24 at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Library Building.

Please register for the meeting online at esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showallevents.asp if planning to attend.

Students interested in learning more about student organizations are welcome to attend.

Counseling Center to provide alcohol screenings

As part of National Alcohol Awareness Week, the PUC Counseling Center will be offering free confidential alcohol screenings and informational resources about substance abuse to PUC students during the first week of April. Stop by for a free mocktail beverage too!

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 989-2366.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, clubs, organizations or departments in "What's Goin' On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. *The Chronicle* does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at: chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the News Department located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

The Chronicle

The Chronicle
2200 169th St.
Student Union and Library
Room 344H
Hammond, IN 46323-2094

Phone: (219) 989-2547

Fax: (219) 989-2770

Send us an email:

chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu
or campus cc:mail - chronicle

<http://chronicle.calumet.purdue.edu>

Editor in Chief Melissa Batka	Sports Editor Brandon Thomas	Sports Columnist David Ashcraft	Design Assistant Willie Joyner III
Managing Editor David P. Funk	Assistant Sports Editor Brian Kutanovski	Senior Staff Writer Jade Lee Culberson	Cub Reporters Mike Ayala Mike Duffy
Entertainment Editor Elizabeth Wilkinson	Production Manager Linda Merrick	Staff Writers Brian Bultema Calvin Davis Nicole Elischer Michael Finney Mike Hernandez Vita Lazauskas Cassidy Mazzoni Mandy Morris David Ober Jeff Waugaman	Theresa Keith Timothy Murray Erin Wilson
News Editor Isabel Rodriguez	Chief Copy Editor David Zimny		Photographers Lauren Egan Josh Fleishman Michael Stern Mike Witham
Assistant News Editor Katie Abascal	Chief Photographer Bradley Ehrhardt		Cartoonist Mike Schoon
	Advisor Jerry Davich		

The Chronicle

Editorial Board

Spring 2006

Melissa Batka, *Editor in Chief*
David P. Funk, *Managing Editor*
Isabel Rodriguez, *News Editor*
Elizabeth Wilkinson, *Entertainment Editor*
Brandon Thomas, *Sports Editor*
David Zimny, *Chief Copy Editor*

PUC deserves a better strategic plan

What do the words "strategic plan" mean to you? *The Chronicle* believes they imply a plan involving some type of strategy.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word strategic like this; of, relating to or marked by strategy. The same dictionary defines the word plan as; to devise or project the realization or achievement of.

PUC's "strategic plan" is as follows:

To retain and graduate more students by increasing:

- freshman retention rate.
- six-year baccalaureate graduation rate.

To be the preferred university in Northwest Indiana's Calumet Region by:

- offering and developing baccalaureate and master's level programs in areas of institutional strength with respect to regional needs.
- To engage in regional and economic development by:
- increasing the number of faculty and staff who share their expertise.
- increasing community advisory board membership.
- building a south Lake County Learning Center.

There's a funny thing about the university's strategic plan, though. Noticeably absent from it is any semblance of strategy, or even a plan for that matter.

The university wants to retain and graduate more students by increasing the retention and graduation rate. The redundancy of that portion alone passing through the hands this "plan" must have passed through boggles the mind.

The Chronicle was so inspired by PUC's strategic plan, we created our own.

First on the list is our intention to improve the quality of writing and photography in our newspaper by increasing our writing and photo quality.

We also plan to become the preferred newspaper among PUC students by producing a newspaper and distributing it across campus.

We're also going to increase the number of editors who share their expertise.

So, thanks PUC. We think we're going to become a much better newspaper. And it's all because of our flawless strategic plan.

All joking aside, this university has done some great things to advance itself academically, as well as in reputation and appearance in the past few years.

We need a strategic plan that will continue along the path it has started out on, one that is certainly more detailed, more strategic and more ambitious.

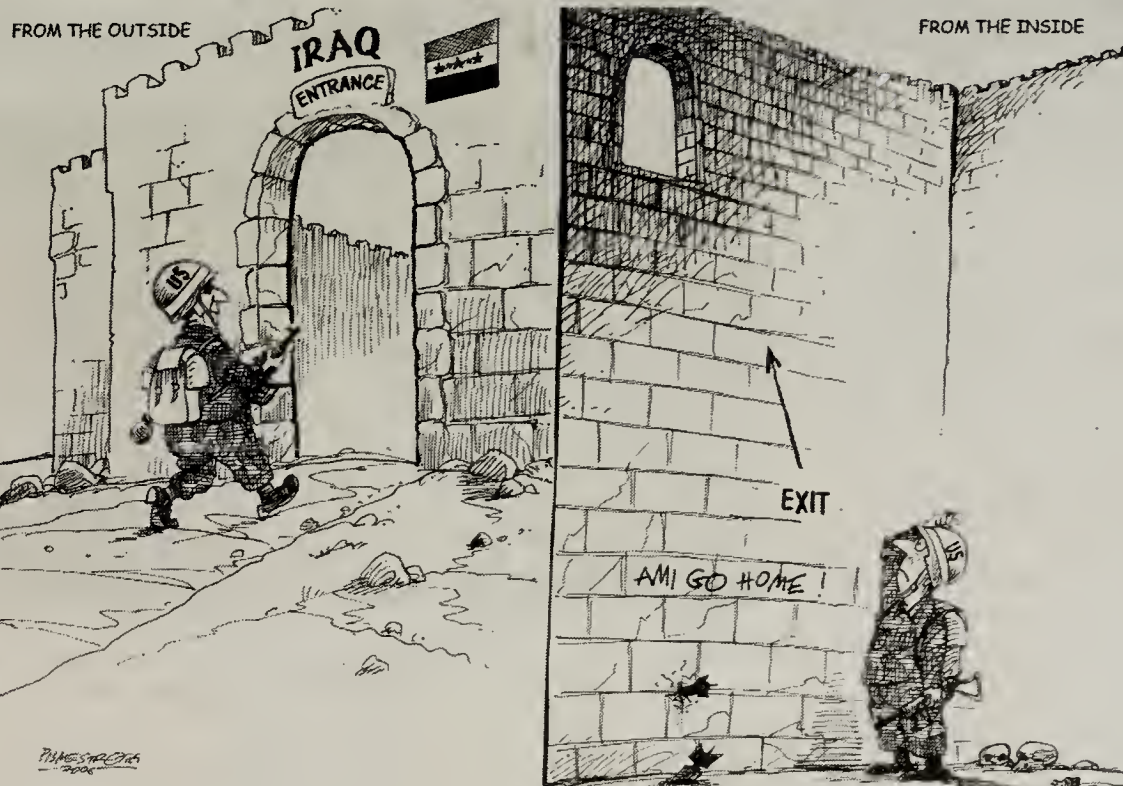
The Chronicle Editorial Policy

The views expressed in submitted commentaries and letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Chronicle* or Purdue University Calumet. *The Chronicle* is not an official publication of Purdue University Calumet.

The Chronicle welcomes reader input. Letters and commentaries must include the writers name, class standing or other affiliation and a telephone number for verification. The more concise the letter, the better the chance of publication.

All materials submitted to *The Chronicle* become the property of *The Chronicle*. *The Chronicle* reserves the right to edit for clarity, accuracy, space and news style. Deadline for submissions is noon the Thursday before publication.

Volume 25, Issue 9



Ditch the pajama pants



ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

Getting up on time for an early class tends to be a nuisance for many of us college students. Along with the daily rituals of hygiene care, getting dressed quickly and looking decent joins the list of things we have to do before walking out that door.

Many times we, in panic mode, realize we overslept and have 25 minutes to get to class. After jumping out of bed, brushing the teeth, grabbing our belongings and bolting out the door leaves students driving away in jogging pants or pajamas.

During this daily ritual, a student's fashion is at stake. I cannot begin to count the numerous times I sit down in class and see the person next to me wearing pajamas with pink elephants on them.

And let's not forget the flannel ones with smiley faces.

Pajamas were made to wear while sleeping. They were not made for making a quick trip to the grocery store or spending a long day on campus.

The other day, sometime after noon, I was walking through the Classroom Office Building and spotted 3 pajama-wearing students. What I don't understand is why I still saw people wearing pajamas with it being the middle of the day, let's say around 2 p.m.

It's 2 p.m. people, not 2 a.m. Let's leave the pj's in the hamper.

Call me conceited but I can't bare the thought of going anywhere looking "blah." I'm not saying I have to look all "done up" everywhere I go.

If you're using the infamous excuse of not having time in the morning, save some time by laying out clothes before you go to bed. It takes a few minutes to throw a pair of pants and a shirt by your dresser. Doing this has sure saved me many a time from walking out the door looking tore up.

And ladies, the only excuse you have for wearing pajamas, enormous hoodies or slippers is when you're on your period. At this time, we all know comfort comes first. Other than those selected days, throw on a shirt and jeans and walk your pretty butt to class.

However, there can be one opportune

week when any student can wear these pieces; during finals week. Heck, you are even exempt from showering, let alone looking good.

If you do not want to put effort into your wardrobe, wear something that's less time consuming. How hard is it put on a pair of jeans? Jeans are universal. You can even throw on a pair of athletic pants if you don't want to wear jeans and call it a day. It beats flannel pants.

But let's move onto a more serious note. The most important reason not to wear pajamas is due to the impression you make. Appearance make the first impression of who are.

I know many of you are thinking that you don't give a heck about what others think. But in some way you do.

If you're headed to class or even to a meeting with an instructor, how is it going to make you look? Many say appearance is nothing that can be judged, but it can be; especially at this point on our lives where we are making the transition from young adults to full-fledged adults.

So do yourself a favor. Ditch the pajamas and grab yourself a nice outfit.

Ok?

A road rage rant: Turn signal offenders



BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

The focus of my biggest pet peeve lies within one matter that aches in the back of my head like a screeching car accident: the absence or misuse of turn signals.

I have been driving for five years, three of them as a licensed motorist, and have noticed the laziness of the human being has stretched deep into the reaches of automobile operation.

One would think that a simple flick of the wrist would be an easy enough task for an individual to carry out.

Nevertheless, a vast amount of drivers seem to believe when they step on the brake pedal in the middle of a street without relaying any signal to surrounding drivers, it is of no danger to them or the person following close behind them.

Moreover, there are the motorists who decide that it is necessary to use a turn

signal after they have already braked and begun to turn. These are my favorites; they cannot take the blame for being rear-ended because the shattered remains of their back end sport a sparking wire attached to a red blinking bulb.

But the fun does not stop there.

I have yet to mention the guy driving the '91 station wagon or the discolored Ford Bronco, too intoxicated to decide which direction he wants to turn. The impending situation is a car in the far right lane with his right turn signal on, cutting across traffic and making a left turn. The question then becomes, "who is more frustrated? Is it the woman who is being cut off in the left-hand lane or the family that is being broad-sided in the oncoming traffic lane?"

Then there is the vehicle in front of you with the turn signal that never stops blinking. This person will drive for miles with his or her turn signal on, either without noticing or without caring. Maybe the individual is colorblind and cannot see the

blinking light screaming from the dashboard. Or maybe he has his techno music up too loud to hear the signal's incessant clicking. But the result of this person's ignorance is the development of an aneurism, and the death of around 1,500 people per year, according to emedicine.com.

The last beneficiary of my full-fledged attack on turn signal abusers is on the opposite side of the spectrum drivers. This is the person who overuses his/her turn signal. She is much more common than you think. She can be seen with the "support our troops" magnet on the back of her mini van and a license sporting the "kids first" logo. She is also the person going 25 mph in a 35 mph zone and changing lanes every time there is the slightest hemorrhage in the road.

This person will use her turn signal constantly while she holds her death grip on the wheel and sits with her glasses pressed firmly against the windshield.

Have something to say?

e-mail us at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu

Lollapalooza is back again

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

It seems like every area has its own music festival with a goofy name. Tennessee has Bonaroo, California has Coachella. This year, Chicago's own Lollapalooza (the name means "something outstanding or unusual") is making a return visit. After a successful two-day event last summer, Lollapalooza is coming back to Chicago and may be better than ever. The formerly touring festival seems to have made Chicago its home. Lollapalooza will invade Grant Park in Chicago from August 4-6 this summer for a weekend of music within the Chicago Loop.

Weeks ago, it was announced that there would be 130 bands spread over the three day event. On Thursday, March 16 the actual line-up was announced on lollapalooza.com. Artists set to perform this year include Kanye West, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Death Cab For Cutie, The Shins, Sonic Youth and Panic! At the Disco among many others. Artists from all genres are represented and there is something for every music fan.

Presale tickets for \$75 went fast during the first week of March, before the line-up was even announced.

Three day passes cost \$130 plus a \$15 tax. When quantities run out tickets prices will go up to \$140 and later to \$150. Children under 10 are admitted free with a paid adult. Luxury VIP tickets that include food, beverages (beer and water), seating and shade, LollaBoutique and LollaSpa which includes facials and mini massages. VIP tickets cost \$1,250 for two people and \$2,500 for four people.



photo courtesy of hostageradio.com

In its second year in Chicago, Lollapalooza promises to be bigger and better than last year. The festival doubled in size and added an extra date.

Grant Park is accessible via the South Shore trains. Hotel rooms near Grant Park are costly. A package of 2 tickets and 3 nights at the Best Western near Grant Park is available for \$1,200. lollapalooza.com offers travel packages for those coming from out of town. Those in the region are likely best off taking the train back and forth each day to avoid expensive parking and travel expenses.

This year will see the return of Kidapalooza which includes a drum circle and other activities for kids. Mindfield, an interactive text messaging game will also return. There should be more activities added at a later date as well.

Lollapalooza has been around since 1990 when Perry Farrell started the festival as a

farewell for Jane's Addiction. It started as a traveling music festival that was popular among youth. After interest declined the festival stopped in 1998. In 2003 Jane's Addiction, who had broken up, got back together. The traveling festival did not do as well as it had in years past. The festival was cancelled in 2004. Last year, the festival took place in Chicago and did not travel. There were 70 acts over 2 days and it was a surprise hit. Now Lollapalooza is growing a steady fan base in Chicago.

Lollapalooza is not just about the music. According to the official web site, "Lollapalooza is more than just a concert. It is a musical, cultural, community experience."

Lollapalooza

2006 lineup

Red Hot Chili Peppers
Kanye West
Manu Chao
Wilco
Death Cab For Cutie
The Raconteurs
The Flaming Lips
Ween
Queens of the Stone Age
The Shins
Common
Matisyahu
Ryan Adams
Umphrey's McGee
Sonic Youth
Thievery Corporation
Sleater-Kinney
Nickel Creek
Blues Traveler
Broken Social Scene
The New Pornographers
Iron & Wine
Poi Dog Pondering
The Secret Machines
Eels
Panic! At the Disco
The Disco Biscuits
Reverend Horton Heat
The Smoking Popes
Andrew Bird
Gnarls Barkley
Stars
CBlackalicious
Editors
Lyrics Born
Lady Sovereign
Calexico
Nada Surf
Feist
Aqualung
The Frames
The Hold Steady
The Go! Team
Mates of State
Pepper
Particle
The Redwalls
Mute Math
Wolfmother
Sparta
The Subways
Of Montreal
Blue October
Jeremy Enigk
Living Things
Sound Team
The M's
Hot Chip
The Benevento-Russo Duo
Matt Costa
The New Amsterdams
Deadboy & the Elephantmen
Sybris
Anathallo
The Burden Brothers
What Made Milwaukee Famous
Manishevitz
Husky Rescue
The Towers of London
Ohmega Watts
Boy Kill Boy
Jim Noir
The Standard
Be Your Own Pet
Elvis Perkins
Trevor Hall
Midlake

Elizabeth's Random Fact of the Week

Nirvana was scheduled to headline Lollapalooza in 1994 but lead singer Kurt Cobain declined the invitation. On April 5, 1994 Cobain committed suicide. Throughout the tour Cobain's widow, Courtney Love, often took the stage to talk to fans about the loss. Smashing Pumpkins headlined the tour as a replacement.

Chronicle Top 10 Lollapalooza Artists of 2006

10. Death Cab for Cutie
9. Mute Math
8. Common
7. Eels
6. Iron and Wine



photo courtesy of artothemix.org

5. The Flaming Lips
4. Red Hot Chili Peppers
3. Panic! At the Disco
2. The Shins
1. We're still holding out for a Smashing Pumpkins reunion

The Chronicle

We're now accepting resumes for the 2006-2007 editorial board. Positions available include managing editor, news editor, entertainment editor, sports editor, production manager, chief photographer and business manager.

Positions are paid hourly. Experience is preferred but not necessary.

E-mail a cover letter and resume to
chronicle_eic@yahoo.com

The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Career Night



- Meet successful LASS alumni who will give you first-hand advice on how they used their LASS degrees to get good jobs
- Talk with our Advisory Board members who will tell you what they look for when hiring new employees
- Learn how to use your degree to compete in our complex global economy
- Make contacts with potential employers and network with fellow students

Join us to find out how to maximize your potential and use your LASS degree to your best advantage!

March 28, 2006
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Purdue University Calumet
Alumni Hall
Student Union and Library

Note:

Monster.com identifies the knowledge and expertise you gain as part of your LASS course work -- communication and people skills, analytical problem solving and planning skills -- as some of the job-seeker's greatest strengths.



The spotlight's on...

Terri McQuay

THERESA KEITH
Cub Reporter

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, the news hit the airwaves. 22 people were killed in a mess hall attack in Mosul, Iraq. 19 of those killed were U.S. soldiers.

PUC student Terri McQuay, along with the other members of the 113th Engineering Battalion National Guard Unit from Northwest Indiana also heard the news. Their destination: Mosul.

"I was in Kuwait when that happened and we were enroute to that duty station and we had to work in that chow hall. So I'm glad we weren't there. They built another one about four months after we arrived," said McQuay.

"I'm glad I went to Iraq because it made me appreciate life, my family and just little things."

Terri McQuay

Although this is McQuay's first tour of duty in a war zone, she is well-acquainted with the military. When attending Wirt High School in Gary, she completed four years of ROTC and liked the discipline, obedience and self-control that went along with wearing the uniform. She was also on the drill team, having said it felt good to just be different.

After high school McQuay, not being ready for college, was attracted to the military because of the educational benefits and believed it would be a good choice for a

young person. At the age of 18 she joined the Army and completed six years of active duty. After being at home for two years she decided to join the National Guard.

"What really made me want to continue in the National Guard after the Army is that I just missed everything. I felt like picking my career back up," said McQuay.

"I didn't know anything about being in the National Guard but when I found out it was just like being back on active duty and being at home, I liked that."

McQuay said she felt numb when finding out her unit had been deployed for Iraq. She did not anticipate it and felt scared; she didn't know what to expect. She only knew what the media portrayed. She just tried to stay prayerful.

To combat the daily bouts of loneliness and depression she e-mailed and phoned her family and children every chance she got to assure them of her safety.

Continuing her education with PUC, McQuay used her laptop to take seven online courses.

"My teachers were very supportive. I emailed them and let them know my situation. All of my assignments were on time and it seemed like I did better when I was in the war zone than I did when I was at home," said McQuay. "But my teachers were great. They emailed me a lot. I didn't have any problems logging on to get or send my assignments. I did 21 credits while over there."

She anticipates graduating in 2007 with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

When McQuay's tour of duty was over in



photo provided

After being deployed to Iraq with the National Guard, PUC student Terri McQuay continued her studies online.

December 2005, she was elated to be going home.

"I'm glad I went to Iraq because it made me appreciate life, my family and just little things. When you're in a hostile situation with a lot of people getting killed it just makes you appreciate life more."

She added her sympathy for the soldiers replacing her unit.

"It's like they were settling in and we

were packing up to go home. We were happy and then I saw the looks on their faces. I'm sure they were feeling the way I felt when I first came over," said McQuay.

"I just felt sorry leaving them over there. I just wish the soldiers were at home. They're in a dangerous situation not knowing what tomorrow brings. I hate that they're in that situation. I wish they could just come home."

Active within the campus or community or know someone who is?

The Chronicle would like to hear from you!

E-mail us at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu

Scholarship

Continued from page 1

have changed the world.

Zencka added the Legends \$1,000 Scholarship will be added among the list of scholarships available to students on their site, making students aware. Zencka said they encourage students to take the time and view the list.

The Legends \$1,000 Scholarship will be issued for the 2006-2007 school year. Deadline for applications is March 29, to allow for Legends Committee to select the candidate.

For more information contact the Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts at Lawshe Hall 130, or call 989-2301

**Pregnant? Need help?
You Have a Choice**

Caring, Confidential Assistance

Free pregnancy Test Evening Hours Available
2450 - 169th St. * Hammond, IN 46323

**BIRTH
CHOICE**

(219) 554-1774
(800)848-LOVE

Dissatisfied with *The Chronicle*?

Think you can do it better?

We are now accepting resumes
for the 2006-2007 school year for the following
positions:

Managing Editor
News Editor
Entertainment Editor
Sports Editor

Production Manager
Chief Photographer
Chief Copy Editor

Positions are paid hourly and experience is preferred
but not necessary.

E-mail a cover letter and resume to
chronicle_eic@yahoo.com

Free

Continued from page 1

The Gratis Internet websites are also supported by Wired magazine and the Boston Globe. Both obtained a free iPod, but also warned that users will be spammed by junk mail messages.

Some PUC students are still skeptical of the offer. Jennifer Bzdil, a student majoring in public relations, is wary of websites offering free gifts.

"It's a total waste of time," Bzdil said.

She believes the process is too time-consuming and not worth having her e-mail account filled with junk mail. She added if somebody wants an iPod, they should just get a job.

Debra Gutierrez, a student majoring in early childhood education, also believes the process takes too long. She is afraid she may forget to cancel her trial offers before she is charged.

Gratis Internet has also received an "unsatisfactory" rating from the Better Business Bureau for unanswered complaints. The bureau lists 23 complaints that were not answered by Gratis. The bureau report also stated it has received a total of 374 complaints in the last three years. Gratis Internet has resolved 88 percent of the complaints received, according to the bureau.

MLB record books tainted forever



BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

Ah, the springtime season is approaching us once again. And while the minds of most individuals are cluttered with rain and warm weather, on the minds of baseball fans is the controversy involving Barry Bonds.

And not by an choice. Everyday seems to be another allegation or another bit of evidence. Bonds is either being saved or condemned on a daily basis. A person will speak out on his behalf or on his opposition. And dreams of home run records and performance-enhancing drugs are dancing through my mind much faster and louder than any sugar plum ever could. And, while a large amount of juiced up players shattered many home run records in the past ten years, a proper steroid testing policy wasn't instilled until the 2002 season. But the fact that Bud Selig neglected one of his duties as commissioner seems to be routine at best. I don't believe there is a doubt in anyone's mind that Barry Bonds took performance-enhancing drugs. The man gained a suspiciously large amount of muscle mass in the course of a couple of seasons. But the question becomes, should his statistics mean anything?

Well if you asked my opinion, which somebody must have, I would tell you that the answer is yes. The sheer fact that he was able to get away with taking the drugs is the league's fault for having a flawed or non-existent policy. The situation only becomes a tricky one because Major League Baseball put themselves in the predicament to begin with.

An impending inspection will only further condemn baseball. It would be the exclamation point on the giant oops, which represents the commission's negligence. After all, what should become of Mark McGwire's accomplishments, or all of the steroid-positive minor league players who came into the major leagues? And, what also is to be said about Sammy Sosa who was discovered with a corked bat, and may have been cheating for many years? Not to mention the possibility of Sosa also taking steroids. We can't strike all of their records because we don't even know who all of them are.

So, while Barry Bonds will spend his 2006 season overlapping Babe Ruth on the all-time career home run list, Bud Selig will be sitting at home wondering what he could have done to prevent the reputation that is at hand for him.

The spring season is a time for rebirth and renewal. One thing that definitely will not be renewed this upcoming spring is the single-season home run record, on account of the steroid policy. The baseball record book will be tainted with an asterisk that represents our generation.

Parody back in professional baseball

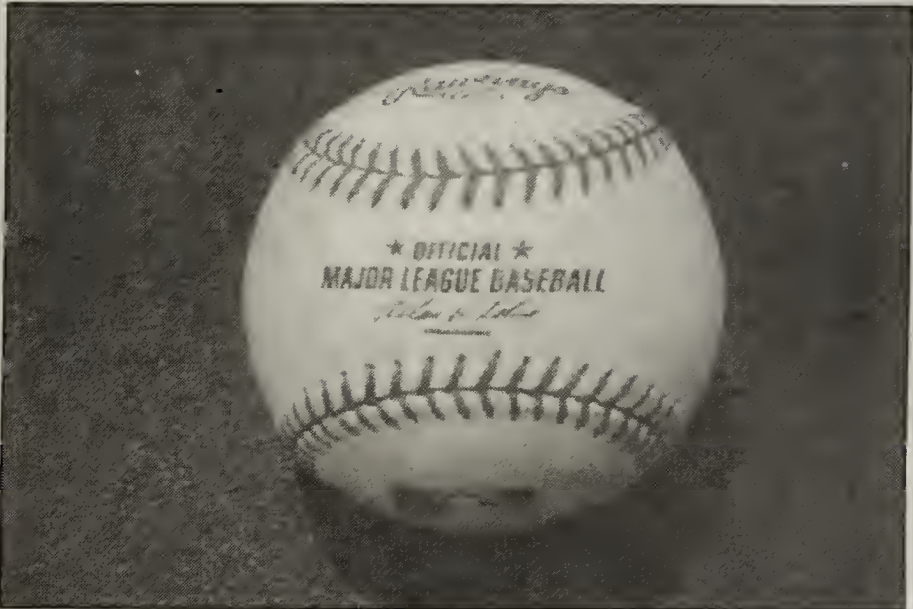


photo courtesy of yahoo.com

Major League Baseball's 2006 season will feature the parody usually reserved for other professional sports.

MIKE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Parody in professional sports usually is reserved for the frozen months of the NFL season. The past few seasons, however, Major League Baseball has enjoyed a similar level of unpredictability.

Two title droughts that had both spanned over eight decades have been shattered recently beginning with the Boston Red Sox in 2004. Last year, the White Sox brought home a professional championship to Chicago for the first time since the end of the Bulls' NBA dynasty.

As some may have predicted, a large number of teams have made significant off-season moves hoping to mirror the parody of the last couple of years.

Although the big market teams may have made season altering personnel moves, (namely the Yankees who lured Johnny Damon from Boston to hit leadoff) there may be a surprise team destined to claim the World Series Trophy.

So far this spring training, controversies have overshadowed the actual game. Currently, the World Baseball Classic is in full swing and it seems to be attracting respectable attention with arguably the highest level of baseball talent playing in a competition for pride. But some believe the risk of Major League players participating in such an event weeks before the onset of the 2006 season is foolish. For this reason many Major Leaguers withdrew from the tournament after initially agreeing to participate.

Another issue that carries implications for an entire generation of baseball players involves the long suspected use of performance-enhancing drugs by Barry Bonds. The all-time single season home-run leader at 73,

Bonds has repeatedly denied using any illegal substance, and has even testified this notion to Congress. Last week, a report of an impending book was released that apparently reveals Bonds did indeed use steroids and other such enhancers. If true, it is unclear whether an asterisk will be placed by the home-run record. Major League Baseball did not ban performance-enhancing drugs until after the 2002 season. Bonds broke Mark McGwire's record in 2001.

As for the upcoming season, much of the national sports media, including FOX Sports

and several Sports Illustrated writers, has dubbed the Yankees as the favorite to win it all. In their division they will likely face opposition from their rivals, the Red Sox.

The Blue Jays should also compete after a flurry of roster moves. And even the Orioles brought in some good talent that might add just what they need to last years squad, to allow them to compete in their tough division. In the AL Central, the defending champion White Sox have restored much of, and added to their roster. The Cleveland Indians, who nearly overtook

Chicago in the final month of the season, should battle the Sox for the AL Central crown. In the West, the pitching-rich A's seem to garner the most media attention as the remainder of the division took major off-season hits.

The NL Central Champion St. Louis Cardinals, led by last seasons MVP and Cy Young Award winners, Albert Pujols and Chris Carpenter, look to retain their hold on the division. The World Series runner-up

Houston Astros hope that Roger Clemens will return to the team after the World Baseball Classic. Though after recent reports from Clemens the chances of another major league season from the rocket seem to be bleak at best. After the Astros, the Cubs and Brewers seem to represent the remainder of competition although any of these may falter.

As the weakest division last season with one team over .500, the now revamped Padres, the NL West may again have only one strong team. The Dodgers, after signing Rafael Furcal and replacing their GM and manager, possess the most stability in this division. But, the premise of their pitching staff has decreased a bit in talent over the last few seasons.

The Giants should be an interesting story throughout the season as the Barry Bonds saga continues. In the East, the Mets will try to validate their high profile signings of the past few seasons, namely Carlos Beltran.

The Braves look to continue their dominance with a possible fifteenth consecutive division title and, though not as strong as traditionally, cannot be discounted.

Lady Peregrines 2005-2006 basketball statistics

No.	Name	FG%	3PT%	FT%	PTS	TRB	AST	ST
23	Nikki Borys	.372	.328	.750	319	152	66	42
44	Linsey Smith	.472	.387	.802	287	90	41	38
24	Sarah Vaughn	.331	.298	.787	304	100	72	55
35	Tekanya Harper	.327	.000	.465	179	171	39	24
20	Michelle Jones	.448	.304	.700	140	76	46	21
13	Stephanie Peacock	.488	.000	.745	123	81	25	18
40	Marian Smith	.500	.000	.545	104	76	5	11
22	Krystal Rigoni	.323	.200	.578	100	67	23	24
14	Jennifer Hostetter	.308	.160	.562	55	36	24	10
5	Andrea Gallardo	.400	.000	.333	18	16	9	6
11	Kourtney Trotter	.429	.000	.666	10	4	2	1
10	Alexis Babbit	.181	1.000	1.000	7	7	2	2
31	Jonique Barnes	.333	.000	.167	9	7	0	1

The Chronicle

Have you taken A & D 222?

The Chronicle is looking for photographers.
Positions are paid. Apply today in SUL 344H or contact us:
(219) 989-2547

or
chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu

Continuing the American tradition



Chronicle photo by Michael Witham

Intramural bowling proves to be a strong mixture of enjoyment and competitiveness that has grown popular among PUC students like Diane Adich, above.

BRIAN BULTEMA
Staff Writer

What could be considered more American than baseball or apple pie? No, it isn't Chevy or Ford or any other brand of car for that matter. Standing as the true representative of Americana at its finest is the game of bowling. And Matt Dudzik, director of PUC's intramural program, has decided to continue that tradition.

Though most think of bowling as a week-end social activity, Dudzik has actually done an admirable job of developing a program which caters to bowlers of any skill level.

While some admit they take the game pretty seriously, the majority of students who attend this Tuesday night event at Plaza Lanes say that they do it purely for fun.

Josh Rose, a student at PUC, says that the main motivation for people to sign up is fun and recreation. Though he bowls in several leagues and averages an impressive 180, he is modest when it comes to being competitive.

"Everyone who's here is here to have a good time," said Rose.

Mike Curtis, a faculty member of PUC's

Computer, Technology and Information Service, comes out each Tuesday to roll a few games and take a break from the busy activities of life too.

"It's usually a laid back atmosphere," said Curtis. "With a program like this you can either be competitive or just come out and have fun."

Curtis is in fact, somewhat of a legend around Plaza Lanes. One Tuesday night last year, he was able to roll twelve strikes in a row and just needed one more strike to complete the first 300 game in PUC intramural history. Instead Curtis came up two pins shy of the bowler's dream.

So why has bowling gained such a solid foothold in the world of PUC intramurals?

"I think this game really appeals to the non-traditional sports players that we have," said Dudzik. "I try to incorporate things like this into the intramural rotation to give an option to everyone."

The bowling league is one of the longest running intramurals at ten weeks, according to Dudzik. But the league fills up quickly, as Plaza Lanes only allows them 8 lanes.

Volleyball with character

BRIAN KUTANOVSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

If you are looking to release some of that built-up energy and that unknown liveliness that you can't demonstrate in classes, come over to the PUC fitness center Thursday nights and check out intramural volleyball. With an even mixture of competitiveness and enjoyment, six on six co-ed intramural volleyball is sure to bring out your aggressive attitude along with social skills.

"Boomshakalaaka!" screamed Daniel Bruce, an enthusiastic PUC student who was still able to express his excitement after his team, the Trailer Swingers, lost their fourth match this season. A positive and comedic attitude lingers in the gym as teams like Big Dogg's Revenge imitate barking noises after they score, showing their opponents the best is yet to come. Big Dogg's Revenge is undefeated along with last years champions Bigger Dogg II. Both teams are 4-0 and Paul Hoskins of Big Dogg's Revenge (well-fitting name) exclaimed, "That's our goal is to beat Bigger Dogg II."

"Volleyball is a popular sport that not only involves students, but faculty as well," Matt Dudzik, Intramural Sports Director said. "That is why we do it in the spring and fall." PUC faculty seems to be the vast majority of the players. So if your English professor gave you a D- on your last essay, there is a possibility you may see him/her on the volleyball court. The best retribution could be beating them in an intramural volleyball match, unless they're better than you which is another possibility.

Cynthia Perry, Alumna and Co-Captain of Big Dogg's Revenge, participates because, "I get to keep in touch with people I used to go to school with." The strong social environment lets players not only play the game with excitement and fun, but also develop relationships with unexpected peo-



Chronicle Illustration by David P. Funk

The game of volleyball has proved to be much more competitive, as each team battles for there spot to be top-seeded in the upcoming tournament held in the PUC gym.

ple. Answon Churchwell, Teammate and PUC employee of Financial Aid, has similar reasons for playing as he said, "I play because I get to learn new faculty, students and of course get in shape."

Getting in shape is the forgotten advantage with playing intramural volleyball considering the paramount features of fun, competition, social interaction.

Last Thursday's contests ended with another Bigger Dogg II victory over the Eagles 21-18, 21-17, 21-13 and the Trailer Swingers fall in their attempt to get their second win of the season to the Bad News Bears 21-14, 21-13, 21-17. In the later events, Big Dogg's Revenge stayed undefeated with a victory over Dig This 21-18, 25-23, 21-13.

Dig It Out won over Spiked Punch 21-12, 23-21, 21-9. In the final match, Dig It Out won by default over Sloppy Sets.

Hope remains for the teams not performing well considering everyone makes the playoffs. Confidence from the players show from every scope as Sophomore Jenni King of the Trailer Swingers exclaims after their loss, "We're coming back in the end!"

Come see the spectacle of intramural volleyball and witness the sport that involves excitement and competition all rolled into a Thursday night.

This Week

Intramural events

5 on 5 basketball

March 26
Rec Center
@ 7 p.m.

Folk-style wrestling

Monday, March 20
Rec Center
@ 7:30 p.m.

Co-ed soccer

Monday, March 20
Rec Center
@ 7:30 p.m.

Four on four co-ed bowling

Tuesday, March 21
Plaza Lanes
@ 7 p.m.

Co-ed volleyball

Thursday, March 23
Rec Center
@ 7:30 p.m.

Brandon Thomas' trivia question

Which Major League pitcher holds the record for most career strikeouts?

Last Week's Trivia Question Answer
Kentucky University with seven championships

